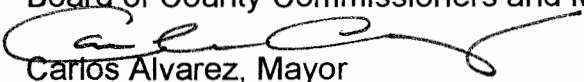




**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

DATE: January 24, 2006

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
Board of County Commissioners and Members

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: January 24, 2006 Board of County Commissioners Meeting, Agenda items 11(A)(5) and 11(A)(31)

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks defied injustice by taking a seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. That single act of defiance has come to be widely recognized as the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. One woman's unwillingness to live with prejudice and discrimination set off a chain of events that allowed her generation and all generations thereafter to live in a better world. On October 24, 2005, that great American leader passed away and now it is our duty to honor her lifetime of courage and sacrifice.

I would like to give my full support to the two resolutions going before the Board of County Commissioners, agenda items number 11(A)(5) calling for a national holiday on the date of Rosa Parks passing and agenda item number 11(A)(31) directing the county manager to identify a Miami-Dade bus facility to carry her name.

c: Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts
George Burgess, County Manager
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board
Roosevelt Bradley, Director Miami-Dade Transit